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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/JP2004/018437 of which the above-referenced application is a national phase:

- (1) CAMPBELL R. E., et al. "A monomeric red fluorescent protein", *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, vol. 99 (2002), no. 12, pp. 7877-7882;
- (2) KARASAWA S., et al. "A Green-emitting Fluorescent Protein from *Galaxeida* Coral and Its Monomeric Version for Use in Fluorescent Labeling" *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*, vol. 278 (2003), no. 36, pp. 34167-34171;
- (3) WO 03/054191 A1, July 3, 2003; Applicants note that this document is also cited and discussed, beginning at page 2, lines 14, 25 of the present specification;

- (4) EP 1 464 701 A1, October 6, 2004; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3); and
- (5) WO 02/070703 A2, September 12, 2002.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. patent applications:

- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/492,081 (MIYAWAKI et al.), filed October 10, 2002 and entitled "Fluorescent Protein"; Applicants note that this document is the national stage of PCT/JP2002/10529, which has published as WO 03/033693 A1 on April 24, 2003.
- (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/498,505 (MIYAWAKI et al.), filed December 20, 2002 and entitled "Fluorescent Protein"; Applicants note that this document is the national stage of PCT/JP2002/13363, which has published as WO 03/054191 A1 on July 3, 2003 (document (3)).
- (8) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/525,365 (MIYAWAKI et al.), filed August 22, 2003 and entitled "Fluorescent protein and Chromoprotein"; Applicants note that this document is the national stage of PCT/JP2003/10628, which has published as WO 2004/018671 A1 on March 4, 2004.
- (9) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/561,041 (MIYAWAKI et al.), filed June 16, 2004 and entitled "Fluorescent Protein and Pigment Protein"; Applicants note that this document is the national stage of PCT/JP2004/008786, which has published as WO 2004/111235 A1 on December 23, 2004.

(10) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/581,040 (MIYAWAKI et al.), filed June 16, 2004 and entitled "Fluorescent Proteins from Favia Favus Coral"; Applicants note that this document is the national stage of PCT/JP2004/008790, which has published as WO 2004/111236 A1 on December 23, 2004.

(11) U.S. Patent Application No. 11/390,215 (MIYAWAKI et al.), filed March 28, 2006 and entitled "Method for Analysis of Protein Interaction using Fluorescent Protein."

Applicants further direct the Office's attention to the following document which is cited and discussed in the present application:

(12) TSIEN, R.Y., "The Green Fluorescent Protein," Annual Review of Biochemistry, vol. 67, 1998, pp. 509-44; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1, line 24.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications) and the International Search Report (in English) for International Application PCT/JP2004/01843 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii) and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if a U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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